

the State missionary work of Pennsylvania has been a comparative failure, and the thought of abandoning an enterprise approved of God does not indicate Christian progression, but its opposite, retrogression. And

Whereas, cause and effect is an inviolable principle in philosophy, it is therefore self evident that a cause has produced this effect. And

Whereas, it is plainly demonstrated, as shown in the parochial reports that some pastors have been derelict in their duty in procuring from their several congregations their respective apportionments, evidences the fact that here lies the cause, believing this then, it is hereby resolved:

1. That the present method of obtaining the necessary funds for carrying on this work is practical, and that the pastors of Pennsylvania and all ministers residing in their respective districts be and are hereby required to obtain from their charges the full apportionment as directed by the State conference.

2. That in default of this requirement, the parochial reports and credentials of pastor and local elders shall not pass the committee on enrollment until satisfactory explanation is made by said delinquent pastor and elders before conference why such delinquency occurs.

3. Should such report not be satisfactory, it may then become optional with conference whether the seal upon such ministers and local elders' credentials may not be withheld.

4. That this conference appoint a committee of three elders or ministers, on ensolvent, who are familiar with the requirements of the conference as to formulating of ministerial credentials and that one of the specific requirements be a full missionary report of each church. This committee be appointed for one year, or until the organization of the next State conference.

5. That we do not deem it expedient, under the present condition of things, to elect a State evangelist at this time, but that the mission board be instructed to use their judgment in arranging for the supplying of churches who have no pastors, with preaching by the different ministers thru-out the State, which we think can be done by and thru the co-operation of the pastors and their churches with the Mission Board.

Moved by Daniel Crofford that the report be received and adopted. After considerable discussion the motion carried.

By acclamation, Daniel Crofford and R. Z. Replogle were elected members of the Mission Board for a term of three years.

R. Z. Replogle, as a member of the Mission Board, offered the following resolutions: We recommend the payment of sheriff's claim against Mc Veytown House of worship, the same to be deeded to Mission Board or individual member of the same, in trust for local congregation until it is able to purchase the same. Or otherwise the party in trust may deem it best for the church to dispose of it. A motion by Brother Wise carried that the resolution be accepted.

D. J. Bole made a motion that the Mission Board be incorporated. Motion carried.

Daniel Bole here presented the interests of the Pittsburg church. Mrs. M. C. Meyers gave a statement of the work of the S. S. C. E. which will appear in the EVANGELIST.

Committee on Parochial Report thru brother M. A. Witter made the following report:

Congregations	30
No. of members at the beginning of year,	2138
No. added during the year,	238
No. of removals,	85
No. of deaths during the year,	25
Total No. at the end of year,	2284
No. of communions during the year,	40
No. of regular appointments,	29
No. of mission points,	8
No. of sermons,	1720
No. of pastoral visits,	2851
Whole number of services by pastors,	1774
Pastors' salary totals,	\$7041 60

Average,	\$234 72
Amount paid pastors,	\$5160 40
" due "	\$1881 20
Amount due for building and repairs,	\$8662 65
" " missions,	\$843 44
Total expenses,	\$26,227 65
No. houses in fee simple,	25
No. of union houses,	1
Value of church property,	\$73,950

By motion the report was accepted.

Committee on compiling of minutes in pamphlet form continued.

"What the pastor expects of the young people," was ably presented by R. E. Darling, followed in general discussion by J. Allen Miller, J. R. Kellar and Henry Wise.

A memorial was then read and by motion of Brothhr Koontz accepted.

A motion was made by J. H. Knepper that R. E. Darling be elected, by acclamation, State president of the Young People's Society.

W. A. Crofford read a very excellent paper, his subject being "How make the prayer-meeting interesting to a large number of members." He was followed by E. H. Smith, who presented some very good thoughts along this line.

FIFTH SESSION

Meeting called to order at 7 P. M. by Moderator Haskins. Prayer and praise service conducted by D J Bole. The subject, "Revival services as programmed," was taken up in the prayer and praise service by Brother Bole owing to the absence of J L Bowman. At the close of this service Charles Replogle rendered the beautiful solo, "The Holy City."

Moderator Haskins made a strong plea that this conference year be one of work for the pastors in the winning of souls, as the opening year of the twentieth century.

J R Kellar very ably presented the subject, "How may the churches reach the masses," followed in general discussion by J Allen Miller, T Z Replogle, J C Cassel, Gilbert Nelson, R Z Replogle. Brother Kellar's paper will appear in the columns of EVANGELIST.

A motion by Brother Darling carried that we add one half day more to our convention time each year, this to be allotted to the S. S. C. E. and Young People's Society work. Altoona's invitation for the holding of our next convention was accepted. Brother Cassel made a motion seconded by Brother Knepper that \$10.00 be paid to the superannuated minister's fund. Motion carried.

Following bills were paid by action of convention: printing, \$13.20; secretary, \$10 00

A motion was made by Brother Wise that the Mission Board be instructed to pay J B Wampler \$16.79 as expenses to National Conference. Motion carried.

A motion prevailed that the balance in the hands of the treasurer, after the payment of all bills be paid over to State Mission Board.

D J Bole made a motion that a committee of three be appointed to devise and prepare plans for the opening of Quarterly Missionary Conferences. Chair appointed Brethren Bole, Wampler and Cassel on this committee.

The committee on resolutions presented the following report:

Whereas, under providence of God we have been permitted to meet again in Annual District Conference, it is hereby resolved,

1 That we render unto the Giver of all good our most heartfelt thanks for His care over us.

2 That we approve the work of our several auxiliary societies such as the Brethren Publication Board, the General Missionary Board, the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor, and the Young Peoples' Society and that we still more liberally sustain them than we have in the last.

3 That we rejoice with Prof. J. Allen Miller in the practical approval of our college work in the liberal subscription for endowment bonds, and that we continue to urge the further support of the

school financially, and by brethren and brethren's children attending the school of their own church.

4 That our indifference to home mission and its consequent results scarcely prove us true to our professions of gospel-alone church, and that we renew our allegiance to the work and determine that henceforth we shall not neglect this important work, but redeem the time by giving our prayers, energy and means to accomplish more than ever before in permanent results in the cause.

5 That the question of a Beneficiary Society in the Brethren church is of sufficient importance to merit further consideration in future conferences.

6 That we re-emphasize former resolutions condemning the liquor traffic in all its forms, and that we urge all members of the church to exercise all their moral power and legal rights to wipe it out of existence.

7 That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Conemaugh church in general, to Patrick O'Neil in particular for able and satisfactory manner in which the delegates were handled as to board and lodging, and to the several members and others that lodged the delegates.

8 That the thanks of the conference are due to the choir for the inspiring music and audiences for the liberal offerings in the evening sessions.

Signed, THE COMMITTEE.

R Z Replogle presented the following minority report on article 6, and after considerable discussion was adopted:

Resolved, that as a church, we should do all in our power to promote the cause of temperance, by prayer and example, talent, influence and vote to the destruction and removal of this great liquor curse from our land, and resolved further that the censure from Christians as individuals and in conference assembled, is but the just dues of our so called Christian president of these United States for his attitude on the question.

The treasurer made the following report which was accepted:

Receipts.	
Balance on hand from 1899	\$2 01
From treasurer of Sunday-school	27 04
Dues and collections	32 34
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	\$61 39
Expenditures	
Daniel Crofford "printing"	\$10 00
J F Koontz, "printing"	3 20
Telegram	63
Secretary "services"	10 00
Superannuated minister's fund	10 00
To secretary of Mission Board	27 56
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General closing remarks were made by many members of the convention. Adjournment after benediction pronounced by brother J F Koontz.

All minutes approved.

E. E. HASKINS, Moderator.

J. E. PARSONS, Sec'y.

A total of \$3000 raised for the endowment of Ashland College. Brother J Allen Miller states this is the banner work of any State Conference thus far.

The 22nd Annual Convention of the Brethren Sunday-school met in session at 2:00 P. M. being called to order by moderator Albert Trent. Devotional services conducted by brother Gilbert Neilson having for his lesson the 5th chapter of 1st Thessalonians. Chair appointed the following committee on credentials,—D. K: Bole, E. H. Smith and sister Belle Sterling. Music by choir. Address of welcome by brother Harry O'Neil. Responses were made by Brethren Spanogle, Wise, Wampler, Cassel, Darling, Knepper, Buzzard, J. Allen Miller. Committee on credentials thru their secretary, sister Belle Sterling, reported the following names as delegates to convention:

Altoona, Dora Terry.
Berlin, Maggie Musser and Mary Musser.
Clover Creek, Eva Klepser.
Conemaugh, Mildred Shaffer and H. F. O'Neill.

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